## **Abstract**

A method and apparatus to obtain a substantially accurate digital color image of a subject at relatively low cost. A moveable enclosure

containing a controlled lighting source provides a controlled lighting environment that costs considerably less than a traditional photo studio and is more convenient to use for many applications. A digital color image capture device captures an image of a subject in the enclosure. The captured image is sent to a computer where a stored color profile previously obtained from a calibration of the digital image capture device is used by a software program to automatically correct the color of the captured image. The color-corrected image can then be distributed to other computers for display.